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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

To me, the amount of increase is outrageous!  
I have used Duke Energy all my life and have appreciated the good service, but enough is enough with all the increases. I am now a senior citizen on a monthly budget and barely make ends meet. I can imagine how this increase will effect the senior citizens who are struggling and how the increase will effect the poor. Please take these considerations into the outcome of any future Increases. With all other increases in food, medical bills, medications, medical insurance and other living increases, we have reached our limit. Please help us and say no to any increases for Duke Engery. Duke Energy needs to pay their own expenses that they incur and not rely on the citizens to pay increases each year. This is just wrong.

Sincerely,  
Kay Williford

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